

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims of the above-identified application so as to read as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) An electronic device control system, comprising:

data preparation means for preparing ~~operation data~~ and outputting ~~the operation data~~, each said operation data being prepared in association with, and being outputted from said data preparation means together with, the data preparation means also preparing different first identification data that uniquely identifies ~~the~~ said each operation data in each instance of outputting;

an electronic device ~~which carries~~ for receiving from said data preparation means said operation data and said first identification data associated therewith, and for carrying out processing based on said operation data based on the operation data prepared by said data preparation means in response to an input of second identification data, said second identification data corresponding to said first identification data prepared in association with said operation data; and

portable data storage means for receiving from said data preparation means and storing as said second identification data identifying said portable data storage means said first the identification data prepared in association with said operation data prepared and output to said electronic device therewith by said data preparation means, ~~said portable data storage means including identification data storage means for storing the identification data,~~

wherein said portable data storage means automatically transmits ~~the~~ said second identification data stored therein ~~in said identification data storage means~~ to said electronic device ~~when~~ when said portable data storage means is brought within a preselected distance of ~~approaches~~ said electronic device in non-contacting relation therewith, and ~~when~~ wherein said electronic device receives ~~the~~ and compares said second identification data received from said portable data storage means with said first identification data associated with said operation data received from said data preparation means, and when said second identification data collates with said first identification data said electronic device carries out ~~the~~ processing based on the operation data uniquely identified by ~~the~~ said first identification data.

2. (Currently Amended) The electronic device control system of claim 1, further comprising:

transmitting means for transmitting the operation data and first identification data associated therewith prepared by said data preparation means to said electronic device.

3. (Original) The electronic device control system of claim 2, wherein: said transmitting means is a network which connects at least one data preparation means and at least one electronic device.

4. (Currently Amended) The electronic device control system of claim 1, wherein:
said portable data storage means receives ~~the~~ said first identification data prepared in association with said operation data from said data preparation means as said second identification data and transmits ~~the~~ said second identification data to said electronic device by wireless.

5. (Currently Amended) The electronic device control system of claim 1, wherein:
said electronic device includes operation data storage
means for storing the operation data and the first
identification data associated therewith received ~~transmitted~~
from said data preparation means; and
said electronic device ~~checks~~ compares the operation data stored in
said operation data storage means in association with the first
identification data prepared therewith with ~~against the~~ said
second identification data received from said portable
data storage means when receiving ~~the~~ said second
identification data, detects the operation data uniquely
identified by the ~~received~~ first identification data by collating
said first identification data with said second identification
data, and carries out the processing based on the operation
data when said first and second identification data correspond
to one another.

6. (Currently Amended) The electronic device control system of claim 3 further comprising:
- operation data management means, connected to
said network, for storing the operation data and
said first -identification data associated therewith
prepared by said data preparation means and
for managing a data output process to output
the operation data and its associated first identification
data to said electronic device.
7. (Withdrawn) An electronic device control system comprising:
- data preparation means for preparing operation data;
an electronic device for carrying out processing based
on the operation data prepared by said data
preparation means; and
portable data storage means for receiving the operation
data prepared by said data preparation means,
said portable data storage means including operation
data storage means for storing the operation data,
wherein said portable data storage means transmits the
operation data stored in said operation data storage
means to said electronic device, and when said electronic
device receives the operation data from said portable
data storage means, said electronic device carries
out the processing based on the operation data.

8. (Currently Amended) The electronic device control system of claim 1, wherein:
said electronic device includes display means; and
said electronic device includes control means which confirms
the content of the operation data, judges whether or
not said electronic device has function means for
performing a selected function required to perform
an operation based on the operation data, ~~then~~ and thereafter
indicates the judgment result on said display means.

9. (Withdrawn) The electronic device control system of claim 7,
wherein:
said electronic device includes display means; and
said electronic device includes control means which
confirms the content of the operation data,
judges whether or not said electronic device
has function means for performing a selected
function required to perform an operation based
on the operation data, then indicates the
judgment result on said display means.

10. (Original) The electronic device control system of claim 1, wherein:
said portable data storage means also stores user
management identification data, and,
transmits the user management identification
data to said electronic device; and
said electronic device controls to limit the performance
of an operation by said electronic device based
on the user management identification data
received from said portable data storage means.

11. (Withdrawn) The electronic device control system of claim 7, wherein:

said portable data storage means also stores user management identification data, and transmits the user management identification data to said electronic device; and
said electronic device controls to limit the performance of an operation by said electronic device based on the user management identification data received from said portable data storage means.

12 (Original) The electronic device control system of claim 10, wherein:

the user management identification data includes data of at least one kind selected from the group consisting of department identification data identifying the department in which said data preparation means for preparing operation data is installed, user identification data set for each user, and storage means identification data set for each portable data storage means.

13. (Withdrawn) The electronic device control system of claim 11, wherein:

the user management identification data includes data of at least one kind selected from the group consisting of department identification data identifying the department in which said data preparation means for preparing operation data is installed, user identification data set for each user, and storage means identification data set for each portable data storage means.

14. (Original) The electronic device control system of claim 10, wherein:
the user management identification data is registered in
said portable data storage means in advance.
15. (Withdrawn) The electronic device control system of claim 11, wherein:
the user management identification data is registered in said
portable data storage means in advance.
16. (Original) The electronic device control system of claim 1, wherein:
said electronic device is an image output device, and the
operation data is print data.
17. (Withdrawn) The electronic device control system of claim 7, wherein:
said electronic device is an image output device, and the
operation data is print data.
18. (Original) The electronic device control system of claim 1, wherein:
said data preparation means is a personal computer.
19. (Withdrawn) The electronic device control system of claim 7, wherein:
said data preparation means is a personal computer.

20. (Previously Presented) The electronic device control system of claim 1,
wherein:

said portable data storage means includes at least
one element selected from the group consisting of a
portable phone and a portable information
processing terminal.

21. (Withdrawn) The electronic device control system of claim 7, wherein:

said portable data storage means includes at least one
element selected from the group consisting of a
portable phone, a portable information processing
terminal, and a card-type information recording medium.

22. (Currently Amended) A portable data storage device comprising:

a receiving section for receiving second identification data identifying
said portable data storage device from a
data preparation device which prepares operation data
to control the operation of an electronic device ~~and~~ in
association with first identification data that uniquely identifies
the operation data, wherein the content of said first and second
identification data is the same,
storage means for storing the second identification data; and

a transmitting section for, upon receipt of the second identification data, automatically transmitting the second identification data stored in said storage means to said electronic device when said portable data storage device is brought within a preselected distance of means approaches said electronic device in non-contacting relation therewith ~~which~~ such that said electronic device carries out the processing based on the operation data uniquely identified by the corresponding received first identification data.

23. (Withdrawn) A portable data storage device comprising:

a receiving section for receiving operation data prepared by a data preparation device from said data preparation device;
storage means for storing the operation data; and
a transmitting section for, upon receipt of the operation data, transmitting the operation data stored in said storage means to said electronic device which carries out the processing based on the operation data.

24. (Currently Amended) A data preparation device, comprising:

a data preparation section for preparing operation data to control the operation of an electronic device and associated first identification data that uniquely identifies the operation data;
an operation data transmitting section for transmitting the operation data prepared by said data preparation section and the associated first identification data to said electronic device;

an identification data transmitting section for transmitting
the first identification data prepared by said data preparation section in association with the operation data to a portable data storage device which stores the received first identification data as second identification data identifying said portable data storage device and automatically transmits the stored second identification data to said electronic device when said portable data storage ~~means~~ device is brought within a preselected, non-zero distance of approaches said electronic device in non-contacting relation therewith,
wherein said electronic device, upon receipt of the second identification data from said portable data storage device, performs an operation based on the operation data uniquely identified by the received corresponding first identification data, selected among a plurality of operation data received from said operation data transmitting section.

25. (Withdrawn) A data preparation device comprising:

a data preparation section for preparing operation data to control the operation of an electronic device;
an operation data transmitting section for transmitting the operation data prepared by said data preparation section to said electronic device;
an operation data transmitting section for transmitting the operation data prepared by said data preparation section to a portable data storage device which has functions to store the received operation data and transmit the stored operation data to said electronic device,
wherein said electronic device, upon receipt of the operation data from said portable data storage device, performs an operation based on the operation data.

26. (Currently Amended) An electronic device comprising:

an operation data receiving section for receiving operation data and first identification data from a data preparation device which prepares operation data ~~and~~ in association with first identification data that uniquely identifies ~~the each said~~ operation data;

an identification data receiving section for receiving ~~the second~~ identification data identifying a portable data storage device transmitted automatically from a said portable data storage device when the portable data storage means is brought within a preselected distance of ~~approaches~~ said electronic device in non-contacting relation therewith, the identification data receiving section having a function to store the first identification data received from said data preparation device and to collate received second identification data with said stored first identification data; and

an operation section for performing an operation based on the operation data which is received by said operation data receiving section and is uniquely identified by the first identification data stored in said identification data receiving section when the second identification data received by said identification data receiving section from said portable data storage means corresponds with said first identification data.

27. (Withdrawn) An electronic device comprising:
- a receiving section for receiving operation data from a portable data storage device which has a function to store the operation data received from said data preparation device which prepares the operation data; and
 - an operation section for performing an operation based on the operation data received by said receiving section.
28. (Withdrawn) An operation data management device comprising:
- data storage means for storing operation data received via a network from a data preparation device which prepares the operation data controlling the operation of an electronic device; and
 - management means for managing a data output process to output the operation data stored in said data storage means to a plurality of electronic devices connected via the network.
29. (Previously Presented) The electronic device control system of claim 16, wherein said operation data corresponds to a single print job.